

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We ought not to give false hopes and false...and base our decisions on false assumptions. And, you know, I appreciate Tim Hall's debate because Tim Hall has been absolutely honest and forthcoming on this debate for the seven years that I've been here. He believes that this is the way that we should raise revenue and that we need this revenue and he says it honestly and above board and it makes it easy for me then to make my decisions because he's honest about it. He believes in it and he thinks it's the right way to go. But he's telling you where he thinks the state is going to go in the gambling area. He thinks that is the way it should go and I respect him a 100 percent for telling us that. But I don't think that...personally, I don't think that's where the state ought to go and I think that's what this lottery debate is all about. And if we have a good program in education, we ought to bring it up in front of the Appropriations Committee and we ought to vote on it. And if it means another program...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...another program goes by the wayside, then so be it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the north balcony. Special guests today of Senator Kristensen are Thomas Bosshardt from Kearney and his daughters, Mary Beth and Anne Marie. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of conducting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 40. Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President. Senator Will would move to amend the bill. (AM0240 appears on page 545 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, this is an amendment that Senator Withem asked me to run. Senator Withem is not here today and asked me to run this amendment. This has to do with the definition of the organizations that are eligible to receive grants under the education innovation portion of the legislation. As you may